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REFERENCES: (A) BUENOS 7968; (B) BUENOS 7706; (C) BUENOS 7506; (D) BA-A-173

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOW RECEIVED THREE REQUESTS (REFS. A, B AND C) FOR U.S. EXPERTS TO PRESENT PAPERS AT "WATER, HEALTH AND ECOLOGY" TECHNICAL MEETING. SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR QUALIFIED (AND AVAILABLE) EXPERTS. WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

2. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS/REQUIREMENTS FOR INVITED EXPERTS UNCLEAR. ASSUME U.S. IS EXPECTED TO BEAR COSTS AND DEPARTMENT HAS APPROACHED TECHNICAL AGENCIES ON THAT BASIS. INITIAL RESPONSE INDICATES THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FINANCE U.S. EXPERTS FOR THE TWO-DAY TECHNICAL MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY SINCE SESSIONS ARE DIVORCED FROM MAIN CONFERENCE. IF GOA FUNDING AVAILABLE, CHANCE OF OBTAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE GOOD.

3. RE LATEST REQUEST (REF A), IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT TYPE OF EXPERTISE IS DESIRED. ALSO, WOULD PARTICIPANT BE EX-UNCLASSIFIED

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PECTED TO PREPARE PAPER?

4. U.S. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WATER CONFERENCE HAS

LAUNCHED INDEPENDENT SEARCH FOR U.S. AGENCY EXPERTS WHO HAVE DESIRE (AND FUNDING) TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE 15 PARALLEL MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ATTENDENCE SUCH EXPERTS WOULD BE USEFUL IN SUPPLEMENTING CAPABILITIES OF OFFICIAL U.S. DELEGATION. RESPONSES EXPECTED WITHIN WEEK. MAY FIND MATCH BETWEEN THESE EXPERTS AND SPECIFIC GOA REQUESTS. REGARDLESS, WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INVITATIONS. ROBINSON

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